

that he constructed the first high-rise apartment building of this millennium, opening the Bay Parc Plaza in January of 2000.

Miami is a city that will continue to grow and inspire us. I am grateful and proud of Mr. Hollo's accomplishments over the years. He has left a legacy others have pursued and will continue to follow for years to come. Miami's high-rise architecture is truly unique and sets it apart from so many other large metropolitan cities across this country. Once again, as a fellow South Floridian, I would like to recognize Mr. Hollo for his outstanding achievements.

THE "CHESAPEAKE'S HEALTHY AND ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND STEWARDSHIP OF ENERGY AND AGRICULTURE" ACT OF 2007

**HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN**

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2007*

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to introduce the "Chesapeake's Healthy and Environmentally Sound Stewardship of Energy and Agriculture Act of 2007"—CHESSEA. This bill will have a major beneficial impact on the water quality of the Chesapeake Bay and many of its 150 tributary streams and rivers. We invite and encourage you to join us as original cosponsors.

Like many of America's natural resources, the Chesapeake Bay and its rivers continue to be plagued by pollution. Unfortunately, agriculture accounts for a significant part of the nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment running to the Bay. The House will soon take up the 2007 farm bill which will provide billions of dollars a year for farm conservation programs and therefore, provides an unparalleled opportunity for our region to address its critical conservation needs.

CHESSEA would bring significant new federal technical and financial assistance to farmers and landowners in the Bay watershed states to help them in their efforts to reduce nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment runoff into the streams and rivers that run to the Chesapeake Bay. It would also provide additional incentives for the region's farmers to produce new sources of renewable energy that will simultaneously improve water quality and reduce the impact of fossil fuel consumption on the atmosphere.

Over the past five years, several Chesapeake Bay states have committed significant new funding to try to reach the goals of the federal-state Chesapeake 2000 agreement, which set specific pollution reduction goals for 2010. In spite of those commitments, we are far from meeting the 2010 goals. The experts have estimated that in order to meet our clean up pledge, the federal Government will have to provide \$200 million a year. This legislation would help to fulfill the federal government's Chesapeake 2000 commitment to reduce nitrogen, phosphorus, and sediment pollution to the Bay while at the same time helping the region's agriculture and rural areas.

The Chesapeake Bay and several of the major rivers that feed it, including the Susquehanna, the Potomac, and the James, are among America's most stunning natural features. Approximately 400 years ago, Captain

John Smith and the Jamestown settlers sailed into a Chesapeake Bay that was healthy, balanced, and among the world's most biologically productive places. Today, the Bay and its rivers are sadly diminished. The CHESSEA Act of 2007 would make significant progress toward restoring the Bay's balance and biological productivity to support generations to come.

RECOGNIZING THE MORELLI HOUSE PRESERVATION PROJECT

**HON. SHELLEY BERKLEY**

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2007*

Ms. BERKLEY. Madam Speaker, the Junior League of Las Vegas (JLLV), in community partnership with the Las Vegas Chapter of the Architects Institute of America (AIA Las Vegas), will debut the Junior League's Morelli House Preservation Project on Monday, April 9, 2007. After years of hard work and fundraising, the Junior League's Morelli House Preservation Project will open for public viewing as a pristine, accurate and beautiful example of Las Vegas mid-century residential architecture.

The Morelli House was built in 1959 by Antonio Morelli, longtime orchestra leader at the Sands Hotel, and was originally located on the Desert Inn Golf Course Estates, now the Wynn Resort. In 2001, the League saved the house from demolition and relocated it to the corner of 9th and Bridger Streets on the outskirts of the historical district in downtown Las Vegas. Because the Morelli House is an excellent example of Las Vegas Mid Century modern architecture and displays a high degree of integrity of design, materials, workmanship and even association, it was placed on the Nevada State Register of Historic Places in 2002 and on the City of Las Vegas Historical Register March 7, 2007.

The opening of the Morelli House to the public and the lecture will be the premier event of Architecture Week, a nationwide celebration that marks the 150th anniversary of the National American Institute of Architects. In addition, the 2007 edition "Architecture: Las Vegas", the official publication of the AIA Las Vegas Chapter, will also premier at the event and will feature an article on the Junior League's restoration of the Morelli House. The Morelli House restoration was made possible by funding from the Nevada Commission on Cultural Affairs and by generous donations by Junior League members and the community. The debut will be highlighted by a lecture on Mid Century architecture by foremost architectural historian, Alan Hess. The Junior League will be completing restoration and rehabilitation efforts to meet the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation for Historical Structures by the end of 2008.

With the help of the Las Vegas Design Center at the World Market Center, JLLV secured participation by Vladimir Kagan, world famous Mid Century furniture designer, to serve as the Morelli House's lead interior designer. Mr. Kagan's historical furniture will be permanently showcased at the Morelli House with donations which he personally solicited from his manufacturers including American Leather and Weiman Preview and from pieces he donated from his personal furniture collection.

Because of the project's prominence, the AIA will be presenting the Junior League one of its esteemed "Livable Community Awards". These awards, established in 2006, were designed to recognize organizations and individuals outside the architectural profession, whose dedication, commitment, hard work and contributions to the security, arts, culture, beauty and livability of our communities have made Nevada a better place to live.

The Las Vegas Junior League deserves recognition for its Morelli House project and for sharing this beautiful example of Las Vegas Mid Century architecture with the local community and our visitors for many years to come. I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing this outstanding collaborative effort to preserve historical architecture for future generations to enjoy.

A BILL TO DIRECT THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR TO ENSURE THAT CERTAIN QUESTIONS ARE PLACED ON THE BALLOT OF THE 2008 GENERAL ELECTION IN AMERICAN SAMOA

**HON. ENI F.H. FALEOMAVEGA**

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2007*

Mr. FALEOMAVEGA. Madam Speaker, I am honored today to introduce legislation directing the Secretary of the Interior to ensure that certain questions related to American Samoa's political status, democratic process, and Federal relationship are to be placed on the ballot of our 2008 general election.

Specifically, this legislation mandates that the following three questions are to be addressed on the ballot in American Samoa:

1. Whether individuals who are born in American Samoa should become citizens of the United States.
2. Whether the Senators of the American Samoa Fono should be elected by the qualified electors from the respective counties that the Senators are to represent.
3. Whether American Samoa should have its own Federal district court with limited jurisdiction.

I believe that placing these questions on the ballot would provide our people an opportunity to have a voice in the shaping of American Samoa's political future. Moreover, the answers to these questions will assist our local political leaders in the shaping of our territory's policies and legislation.

I firmly believe that the people of American Samoa deserve the right to be heard on these fundamental issues. I urge my colleagues to support this legislation that would give American Samoa's voting public this right.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MRS. REBECCA DOLORES JARAMILLO

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2007*

Mr. CLEAVER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mrs. Rebecca Dolores Jaramillo, a remarkable and compassionate

leader of the Hispanic community in Kansas City, Missouri, in my District. Born on October 23, 1939, Mrs. Jaramillo, also more affectionately known as "Becky", set forth on the long journey of advocacy of equal rights and equal opportunities for minorities and women before passing on May 13, 2005. Her passing has created a deep loss felt by her family, the greater Kansas City area, and most assuredly, the thousands of lives she touched throughout our great Nation.

Rebecca Jaramillo, as the fifth of twelve children, entered the world curious for knowledge and eager to stir up excitement. She lived a joyous life until the rigors of racism and discrimination entered her life and inspired her to proactively work for equality. After marrying her husband, Joe, and settling down in Kansas City, they soon encountered discrimination when they were repeatedly denied the privilege of restaurant service. The couple became active in fighting the issue when they joined the NAACP and Kansas City, Missouri's People for Public Accommodations drive, which sought the passage of a bill requiring public businesses to provide service to all persons regardless of race, national or ethnic origin, and skin color.

In 1981, Becky received community service awards from the HUD Kansas City Area Office, the Hispanic Chamber of Greater Kansas City and the Guadalupe Centers, for her role as the HUD office coordinator in the application process for Posada del Sol: a senior citizen's high-rise apartment complex in Kansas City's West Side. That same year, Becky, together with her fellow HUD employee Jose Gonzalez, and Ninfa Garza, program coordinator for the Guadalupe Centers Senior Citizens program, founded the Greater Kansas City National Hispanic Heritage Committee and created the Fiesta Hispana, to annually commemorate National Hispanic Heritage Month.

For many years Becky actively continued her advocacy by serving on boards of local and national community agencies such as: Model Cities; the U.S. Office of Economic Opportunity; the American G.I. Forum, the League of United Latin American Women; the Panel of American Women; the Incorporated Mexican American Government Employees (IMAGE)—1979 to 1982 as national chairwoman of the IMAGE Women's Action Committee with headquarters in Washington, DC; the Federally Employed Women; the United Nations Women's Commission; the Women's Political Caucus; the Guadalupe Centers, Inc.; the Mexican American Women's National Association (MANA); the Heart of American United Way; the Salvation Army and several others.

While serving as national secretary for the Panel of American Women, Becky was part of a select group of panelists invited to the White House on April 27, 1979, for a special reception hosted by President Jimmy Carter in their honor for their many years of work in the area of human relations.

Becky also received distinguished awards from the Federal Executive Board of Greater Kansas City, the U.S. Department of Defense, the Panel of American Women, the Mexican American Women's National Association, and the Salvation Army. In 1981, The Central Exchange of Kansas City honored Becky by naming her its second Woman of the Year.

In 2002, the Guadalupe Centers awarded Becky its coveted I. Pat Rios Award for out-

standing contributions to the Community, recognizing her for her role in the historical completion of Posada del Sol and the first West Side neighborhood fountain. The fountain was formally dedicated on September 15, 2000 by the Kansas City, Missouri Parks and Recreation Department.

On March 4, 2005, Becky received the YWCA Hearts of Gold Award for Economic Empowerment for her service 30 years before as a United Nations delegate on a commission studying the status of women in the world.

Madam Speaker, please join me in honoring the life of Mrs. Rebecca Dolores Jaramillo and expressing our heartfelt sympathy to her husband, Joe Jaramillo, her children, Romulo Joseph, Cynthia and James, and her many relatives and friends. I urge my colleagues to please join me in conveying our gratitude to her family for sharing this great woman with us, and to accept our condolences for their tremendous loss. She was an inspiration to us all.

#### TRIBUTE TO THE 90TH BIRTHDAY OF MILDRED LAVERGNE BOUTIN PROTHROW

**HON. AL GREEN**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2007*

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, today I would like to honor the 90th birthday of Mildred LaVergne Boutin Prothrow.

Fourscore and 10 years ago on April 7, 1917, Mildred LaVergne Boutin was born in Point-a-LaHache, Louisiana. At the age of three, she remembers wearing a navy sailor suit, hand and gloves to the train station as her family prepared her to move to Jackson, Mississippi.

A true daughter of the South, Mildred's loving parents, Ruby Anita and Hamilton Henry Boutin, along with her Aunt Nea Learner, instilled all the qualities of a perfect southern lady, refined and generous.

Once more, her journey continued with a train ride to Marshall, Texas in the fall of 1937 to attend Wiley College. There she trained for her future profession as a teacher, joined the Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority, and met her life partner, Percy W. Prothrow, Jr. With marriage came a home in Marshall and the births of her daughters, Lady Percy Prothrow and Deborah Boutin Prothrow-Stith.

The family moved to Atlanta as Percy ascended the ranks of Atlanta Life Insurance Company and Mildred became an entrepreneur, opening a very popular childcare center. The family moved to Houston in 1968 where Mildred received a master's degree in elementary education from Texas Southern University and taught in the public schools until retirement in 1983.

As a widow, Mildred decided to retire and move to Boston to help her daughter and son-in-law raise their nephews, son and daughter. Known as Memama and Bibi to her grandchildren (Trey, Tony, Percy, and Mary Mildred), Mildred is a wonderful cook, a loving friend and confidant, and a dedicated mother and grandmother.

#### A TRIBUTE TO GRANT AINSWORTH THOMPSON

**HON. DON YOUNG**

OF ALASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2007*

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Madam Speaker, today I wish to honor Grant Ainsworth Thompson who has recently left the world of politics to follow his calling in the Church. Grant served as my Communications Director for the last 5 years. Prior to that, he worked as a Legislative Assistant in my office focusing on Veterans Affairs and Postal issues.

Grant Ainsworth Thompson was born June 9, 1962 here in Washington, DC and was educated in the DC public school system. After graduating from Cardozo High School in 1981, he spent a number of years working in the private sector as both a substance abuse counselor and for United Airlines. He then chose to pursue a higher education and attended the University of the District of Columbia from 1991 to 1995, majoring in Mass Media and Television Production. Grant has been happily married to Margaret for 22 years and is the father of 2 sons: Justin, 21 and Jeremy, 17.

Grant used his skills in communications and management to help me better serve the people of Alaska. He was a driving force behind my office's expansion into cutting edge media and always seemed to know what the "next big thing" would be. His positive personality and confidential counsel were invaluable to me and my staff; he will be sorely missed.

Grant was an integral part of my office for many years and it deeply saddens me to see him leave. We often joked that he was my "brother," as we share the same birthday. I wish him all the best as he begins a new chapter in his life. Grant is now going to continue the work he started as Pastor and Founder of the Church of the Rock Praise Factory, located in Washington, DC. He will continue to be involved in many community outreach programs over the coming years, spreading the word of the Lord, and helping those in need. Grant Ainsworth Thompson is a truly great American, with a heart the size of Alaska.

#### GRUNDY COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL BIO-DIESEL PROJECT A RE- SOUNDING SUCCESS

**HON. LINCOLN DAVIS**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 29, 2007*

Mr. DAVIS of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, when it came to my attention that a group of students in a Future Farmers of America class and educators at Grundy County High School were developing bio-diesel to use in tractors and school buses, I could not have been more proud.

The fuel, which is made from vegetable oil, methanol, and lye, will be used to make tractors and buses run cleaner, more efficiently, and in a cost effective manner. Additionally, everything in the process is 100 percent biodegradable.

The idea for the project began after a seminar at Middle Tennessee State University in